

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1 (Currently Amended). An iterative equalizer for a data communication system for recovering
2 received data transmitted over a data channel comprising:
3 a first linear filter for filtering a block of received data according to first filter
4 parameters to generate first-filtered data;
5 a combiner for modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to
6 generate modified data;
7 a decision device for generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the
8 block based on the modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with
9 respect to tentative decisions of a previous iteration; and
10 a second linear filter for causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative
11 decisions from a previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said
12 second-filtered data;
13 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
14 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
15 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on the received data
16 and the intersymbol interference is removed from said modified data in a nonlinear
17 manner.

1 2 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the first and second filter parameters are modified
2 at each iteration.

1 3 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the equalizer is fractionally-spaced in that the
2 received data is sampled at a rate higher than a symbol rate associated with the received data.

1 4 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the received data comprises symbol data.

1 5 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the first and second filter parameters are modified
2 at each iteration according to channel parameters that are re-estimated at each iteration based on
3 the received data.

1 6 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the received data is encoded for error-correction
2 coding, and wherein the decision device comprises an error-correction decoder and further
3 comprising an encoder for error-correction encoding the tentative decisions from a previous
4 iteration.

1 7 (Previously Presented). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the first and second filters comprise
2 filter types selected from the group of filter types consisting of: time-variant, time-invariant,
3 infinite-impulse-response, and finite-impulse-response filters.

1 8 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the received data comprises a plurality of
2 received signals received over a plurality of said data channels, and wherein the equalizer further
3 comprises a like plurality of said first filters corresponding to the plurality of channels.

1 9 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the received data comprises combined data for a
2 plurality of users, and wherein the equalizer further comprises a like plurality of said second
3 filters corresponding to the plurality of users.

1 10 (Original). The equalizer of claim 1 wherein the first filter, combiner, decision device and
2 second filter are distributed among a data channel transmitter and receiver.

1 11 (Currently Amended). An iterative equalizer for a data communication system for recovering
2 received data transmitted over a data channel having channel parameters comprising:

3 a first linear filter for filtering a block of received data according to first filter
4 parameters to generate first-filtered data;

5 a combiner for modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to
6 generate modified data;

7 a decision device for generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the
8 block based on the modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with
9 respect to tentative decisions of a previous iteration; and

10 a second linear filter for causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative
11 decisions from a previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said
12 second-filtered data ;

13 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
14 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
15 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on an estimate of said
16 channel parameters, and wherein the received data is encoded for error-correction coding,
17 and wherein the decision device comprises an error-correction decoder and further
18 comprising an encoder for error-correction encoding said tentative decisions from a

19 previous iteration so that intersymbol interference is removed from said modified data in
20 a nonlinear manner.

1 12 (Original). The equalizer of claim 11 wherein said first and second filter parameters are
2 modified at each iteration.

1 13 (Currently Amended). An iterative equalizer for a data communication system for recovering
2 received data transmitted over a plurality of data channels comprising:

3 a first linear filter for filtering received a block of data according to first filter
4 parameters to generate first-filtered data;

5 a combiner for modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to
6 generate modified data;

7 a decision device for generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the
8 block based on the modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with
9 respect to tentative decisions of a previous iteration; and

10 a second linear filter for causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative
11 decisions from a previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said
12 second-filtered data ;

13 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
14 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
15 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on an estimate of said
16 channel parameters, and wherein the received data comprises a plurality of received
17 signals received over the plurality of data channels, and wherein the equalizer further

18 comprises a like plurality of said first filters corresponding to the plurality of channels so
19 that intersymbol interference is removed from said modified data in a nonlinear manner.

1 14 (Original). The equalizer of claim 13 wherein said first and second filter parameters are
2 modified at each iteration.

1 15 (Currently Amended). An iterative equalizer for a data communication system for recovering
2 received data transmitted over a data channel comprising:

3 a first linear filter for filtering a block of received data according to first filter
4 parameters to generate first-filtered data;

5 a combiner for modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to
6 generate modified data;

7 a decision device for generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the
8 block based on the modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with
9 respect to tentative decisions of a previous iteration; and

10 a second linear filter for causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative
11 decisions from a previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said
12 second-filtered data ;

13 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
14 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
15 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on an estimate of said
16 channel parameters, and wherein the equalizer is fractionally spaced in that the received

17 data is sampled at a rate higher than a symbol rate associated with the received data so
18 that intersymbol interference is removed from said modified data in a nonlinear manner.

1 16 (Original). The equalizer of claim 15 wherein said first and second filter parameters are
2 modified at each iteration.

1 17 (Currently Amended). A method for recovering received data transmitted over a data channel
2 in a data communication system comprising iteratively:

3 first-filtering a block of received data according to first filter parameters to
4 generate first-filtered data;

5 modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to generate modified
6 data;

7 generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the block based on the
8 modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with respect to tentative
9 decisions of a previous iteration; and

10 causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative decisions from a
11 previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said second-filtered data;

12 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
13 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
14 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on the received data so
15 that intersymbol interference is removed from said modified data in a nonlinear manner.

1 18 (Original). The method of claim 17 further comprising modifying the first and second filter
2 parameters at each iteration.

1 19 (Original). The method of claim 17 wherein the received data is sampled at a rate higher than
2 a sample rate associated with the received data.

1 20 (Original). The method of claim 17 wherein the received data comprises symbol data.

1 21 (Original). The method of claim 17 further comprising modifying the first and second filter
2 parameters at each iteration according to channel parameters that are re-estimated at each
3 iteration based on the received data.

1 22 (Original). The method of claim 17 wherein the received data is encoded for error-correction
2 coding, and wherein generating modified tentative decisions based on the modified data
3 comprises error-correction decoding the modified data and further comprising error-correction
4 encoding the tentative decisions from a previous iteration.

1 23 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 wherein the first and second filters comprise
2 filter types selected from the group of filter types consisting of: non-linear, time-variant, time-
3 invariant, infinite-impulse-response, and finite-impulse-response filters.

1 24 (Original). The method of claim 17 wherein the received data comprises a plurality of
2 received signals received over a plurality of said data channels, and further comprising first-
3 filtering the received data at a plurality of first filters corresponding to the plurality of channels.

1 25 (Original). The method of claim 17 wherein the received data comprises combined data for a
2 plurality of users, and further comprising second-filtering the tentative decisions from a previous
3 iteration at a plurality of second filters corresponding to the plurality of users.

1 26 (Original). The method of claim 17 wherein the first filter, combiner, decision device and
2 second filter are distributed among a data channel transmitter and receiver.

1 27 (Currently Amended). A method for recovering received data transmitted over a data channel
2 having channel parameters, in a data communication system, comprising iteratively:

3 first-filtering a block of received data according to first filter parameters to
4 generate first-filtered data;

5 modifying the first-filtered a block of data with second-filtered data to generate
6 modified data;

7 generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the block based on the
8 modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with respect to tentative
9 decisions of a previous iteration; and

10 causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative decisions from a
11 previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said second-filtered data;

12 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
13 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
14 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on an estimate of said
15 channel parameters, and wherein the received data is encoded for error-correction coding,
16 and wherein generating modified tentative decisions based on the modified data
17 comprises error-correction decoding the modified data and further comprising error-
18 correction encoding the tentative decisions from a previous iteration so that intersymbol
19 interference is removed from said modified data in a nonlinear manner.

1 28 (Original). The method of claim 27 further comprising modifying the first and second filter
2 parameters at each iteration.

1 29 (Currently Amended). A method for recovering received data transmitted over a plurality of
2 data channels having channel parameters, in a data communication system, comprising
3 iteratively:

4 first-filtering a block of received data according to first filter parameters to
5 generate first-filtered data;

6 modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to generate modified
7 data;

8 generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the block based on the
9 modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with respect to tentative
10 decisions of a previous iteration; and

11 causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative decisions from a
12 previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said second-filtered data;

13 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
14 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
15 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on an estimate of said
16 channel parameters, wherein the received data comprises a plurality of received signals
17 received over the plurality of data channels, and further comprising first-filtering the
18 received data at a plurality of first filters corresponding to the plurality of channels so that
19 intersymbol interference is removed from said modified data in a nonlinear manner.

1 30 (Original). The method of claim 29 further comprising modifying the first and second filter
2 parameters at each iteration.

1 31 (Currently Amended). A method for recovering received data transmitted over a data channel
2 having channel parameters, in a data communication system, comprising iteratively:

3 first-filtering a block of received data according to first filter parameters to
4 generate first-filtered data;

5 modifying the first-filtered data with second-filtered data to generate modified
6 data;

7 generating modified tentative decisions on all data in the block based on the
8 modified data, the modified tentative decisions being modified with respect to tentative
9 decisions of a previous iteration; and

10 causally and anticausally filtering said block of tentative decisions from a
11 previous pass according to second filter parameters to generate said second-filtered data;

12 wherein said received block of data is filtered more than once by multiple non-
13 simultaneous passes through the data, each pass comprising both a first filter and a
14 second filter and said first and second filter parameters are based on an estimate of said
15 channel parameters, and wherein the received data is sampled at a rate higher than a
16 symbol rate associated with the received data so that intersymbol interference is removed
17 from said modified data in a nonlinear manner.

1 32 (Original). The method of claim 31 further comprising modifying the first and second filter
2 parameters at each iteration.